

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: Lt Gen Paul K. Carlton, Jr., Chair of the Council

SUBJECT: DoD Prevention, Safety, and Health Promotion Council (PSHPC) Meeting 14 July 00

1. **The PSHPC meeting was convened at 0900 hrs in Pentagon Room 1E801#4-5.**

Attendees are as follows:

Lt Gen Carlton, Air Force Surgeon General (Chair)
Ms. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary Defense (Environmental Security)
Dr. John Mazzuchi, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (CPP)
COL Craig Urbauer, Assistant Secretary Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (Representative)
LCDR Gillian Jaeger, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs)(Representative)
Ms. Keener, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations and Environment) (Representative)
RDML Johnson, Deputy Chief of Staff, (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), Marine Corps (Representative)
RDML Mayo, Director for Logistics, J-4, The Joint Staff (Representative)
Mr. Fatz, Deputy Assistant Secretary Army Environmental Safety Occupational Health
Mr. McCall, Deputy Assistant Secretary Air Force Environment, Safety and Occupational Health
Ms. Corliss, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Air Force Personnel (Representative)
Maj Gen Peppe, Air Force Chief of Safety
BG Martinez, Army Surgeon General (Representative)
CAPT Frank, Navy Surgeon General (Representative)
Col Postlewaite, Executive Director Military Veterans Health Coordinating Board (Representative)
Mr. Reinhard, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment)
CAPT Grabow, Navy Safety (Representative)
CAPT Jackson, Chief of Naval Personnel (Representative)
Col Sommese, Tricare Management Activity (Representative)
LTC LeDoux, Deputy Chief of Staff and Personnel, Army (Representative)
Mr. Lillibridge, SD HQMC

Members Not Present:

RADM Clinton, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)
Mr. Maldon, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy)
Mr. Gibson, Director of Army Safety (DASAF) (Representative)

2. **OLD BUSINESS:** The 17 March 00 minutes were approved as written.

3. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Administrative Remarks

The Chair advised the Council that the six PSHPC committee charters and the action plans for Joint Preventive Medicine Policy Group (JPMPG), Put Prevention In Practice (PIIP), Self-Reporting Tools (SRT) and the Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention Committee (STDPC) have been approved by USD (P&R) on 4 April 00.

PSHPC Committee Chair letters of appointment have been signed and sent for

forwarding through that Chairs' chain of command.

PSHPC Committee member letters of appointment are in the process of being signed and forwarded in a similar fashion

The Chair indicated that CAPT Murphy /Lynn Pahland have met with TMA representatives to establish the PSHPC website.

The revised PSHPC Charter has completed the informal review process and is now in formal coordination process through the Service Secretariats and DoD offices. The Chair asked that formal coordination be given priority in light of the forthcoming elections in November. It is hoped that SECDEF will sign the revised charter by 1 October.

The Chair welcomed RDML Mayo (J4) and Major General Peppe (AF Safety) to the Council.

The Chair informed the Council that the Navy SG representative CAPT Hart had been selected for the Flag rank.

B. PSHPC Committees:

Selected PSHPC Committee chairs presented briefings in response to taskers from the March council meeting.

1. Self Reporting Tools (SRT):

Col Baker advised the council on the status of current HEAR initiatives. This included a review of Policy and IM/IT issue concerns. This will be Col Baker's last meeting and Col Sommesse will be assuming the Chairmanship on a temporary basis. The new permanent Chair will present in December.

2. Injury/Occupational Illness Prevention Committee (IOIPC).

COL DeFraithe reported on the concept of operations for a proposed Armed Forces Injury Prevention Support Center (AFIPSC). Col DeFraithe outlined the resource and personnel requirements needed and the benefits to be obtained by such an endeavor. He further indicated that this concept had been briefed to the Joint Service Safety Chiefs (JSSCs) at their 28 June 00 meeting. COL DeFraithe stated that the JSSCs concurred in principle with the AFIPSC concept but that additional analysis was needed to assess the impact of the increased demands on Safety Centers and what the exact return on investment would be. Lastly, he indicated that the Research and Development community (R&D) had not been fully consulted regarding the AFIPSC proposal. Considerable discussion ensued.

Maj Gen Peppe (AF Safety) voiced his concurrence but expressed concern over the mechanism for resourcing and personnel allocation as well as the difference in the Services reporting requirements regarding time lost from duty. BG Martinez indicated that there exists excellent scientific evidence for Injury Loss Prevention but that there is no translation between science and policy implementation. Furthermore, he indicated that CHPPM does look at R&D Medical issues and their possible impact on readiness. RDML Mayo indicated that appropriate identification of "risk factors" was essential and that doing things in a "safe way" was the prudent course of action. The Chair concluded the discussion by saying that the Service Safety Chiefs

should take the lead for this proposed AFIPSC initiative. COL DeFraithe was asked to brief the PSHPC again in 6 months. Finally, the Chair asked COL DeFraithe to have the talk on "Water Intoxication." which was sent as an informational Read Ahead, be formally presented at the next PSHPC.

3. Alcohol Abuse Tobacco Use Reduction Committee (AATURC):

CAPT Murphy presented an update of the Alcohol Abuse and Tobacco Use Reduction action plans as well as the AATURC recommendations. The action plans are both well underway and are on track in regard to meeting milestone requirements. All PSHPC members were provided with Gantt charts and the specific recommendations. The Council members concurred with the AATURC action.

C. Noise Issues in the Joint Strike Fighter (JST)

In response to Mr. Reinhard's (Navy I&E) request, Mr. Porth presented a report on "Safety in the Acquisition Process" issues. While the report dealt with the JST, the overarching conclusion was that all aircraft exceed noise levels and that the underlying problem was that there was no effective integration of safety concerns in the acquisition process. Ms. Goodman [(DUSD) (ES)] echoed the fact that safety must be an across the board concept and that it was essential to marry the Acquisition and Safety communities in the weapons development process. She believes that the PSHPC is an ideal forum to discuss and make recommendations regarding this issue. Mr. McCall [(DASAF) (ESOH)] cited that due to compartmentalization, there is often no venue to consider Safety/Acquisition issues and that the Defense Technical Objective (DTO) process which incorporates this type of review would be an excellent avenue to pursue. The PSHPC felt that the Service Safety Centers should play a key role in developing policy for the Acquisition process. The Chair tasked CAPT Murphy to arrange a briefing on this issue for the next meeting.

D. Adoption of the Suicide Prevention Work Group as a PSHPC Committee

At the time of the July 99 meeting the then Chair Lt Gen Roadman, asked Council members to submit items for future PSHPC initiatives. The Council at that time tabled any additional discussion until the spring 2000 meeting. Suicide Prevention was one of the suggested topics.

As a result of the White House conference in July 99, a working group was established under the aegis of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) to examine Suicide Prevention. This group has been at work since September 99 and is currently preparing a draft Suicide Prevention Directive as well as a Post-Suicide Assessment directive.

Suicide Prevention remains a high interest item not only for the DoD but also for the United States Surgeon General. In light of this the Chair suggested that the Suicide Prevention working group should come under the PSHPC as part of the enterprise based approach to DoD Prevention envisioned by USD (P&R). A motion was made and unanimously adopted. CAPT Murphy/Lt Col Talcott will work with the working group to develop an action plan and charter similar to those used for the other PSHPC committees. The Suicide Prevention working

group will present at the January 2001. LtCol Talcott will prepare this for the Chair's signature and distribution to Council members.

E. Commandant of the Coast Guard Membership:

The United States Coast Guard has been actively involved in many of the PHSPC committees and the Director; Office of Health and Safety, RADM Johnson has been most interested in Suicide Prevention. While under the Department of Transportation, the Coast Guard in wartime comes under the Navy and is considered a Uniformed Military service. Many of the issues addressed by the PSHPC are similar to those addressed by the Coast Guard. Therefore, it was felt that the Commandant of the Coast Guard should be invited to join the PSHPC. CAPT Murphy/Lt Col Talcott will prepare a letter of invitation for USD (P&R) to sign.

F. PSHPC Chairmanship:

The current Chairs term of office will expire in January 2001. The PSHPC Charter defines the mechanism for Chair selection. CAPT Murphy/Lt Col Talcott will prepare a letter to be signed by USD (P&R) asking the Service Secretariats and DoD offices to solicit input from the Council members under their purview regarding the Chairmanship. The Service Secretariats and DoD offices will then submit the name of their nominees to USD (P&R) for consideration by 1 October 00. USD (P&R) will then select the new Chair in time for the January 2001 meeting. Col Mink will serve as USD (P&R) point of contact.

4. Next Meeting: Members will be notified of the date for the next meeting, which will occur in October 2000.
5. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1005.

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